

# LIGHT OF THE EAST

## Rome & Constantinople Pilgrimage

Participate in an Historical Pilgrimage  
Honoring Saints John Paul II and John XXIII

Offered by Orientale Lumen Foundation and Viking Travel Service

October 21 - 30, 2014



**\$3,199.00 pp, double (land only)**  
**\$3,699.00 pp, single (land only)**

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \* 9 Nights Hotel accommodations in 4 Star Hotels
  - 5 nights Rome
  - 4 nights Istanbul
- \* 13 Meals: 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- \* Papal Audience (subject to availability)
- \* Vatican Museum & The Sistine Chapel
- \* Basilica of St. Peter & Square
- \* St. John Lateran Basilica and Holy Stairs
- \* St. Mary Major Basilica
- \* Church of St. Clement
- \* St. Paul Outside the Walls
- \* Roman Forum, Colosseum & Pantheon
- \* Church of St. Anthony of Padua
- \* Hagia Sofia, Blue Mosque & Hippodrome
- \* Great Churches of Istanbul
- \* Grand Bazaar
- \* Evening Reflections
- \* Flight from Rome to Istanbul Included

**Friends, Colleagues, and Travelers,**

Please join us as we celebrate the Canonization of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII. Not only will we visit places where they lived and prayed, but having met Pope John Paul II in person, we will talk about our own personal experience in his presence.

We are looking forward to this "trip of a lifetime" organized to demonstrate how the Church should breathe with both lungs, East and West.

In addition to the major religious and cultural sites that we will visit, we will also have the opportunity to pray together, and meet religious leaders in both Rome and Constantinople (Istanbul, Turkey).

This is a nationally advertised pilgrimage, and space is limited. We expect many will want to participate, so sign up early to make sure you are not left out.

Metropolitan Kallistos  
Father Tom Loya  
Jack Figel



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## Day by Day Itinerary

**Monday, October 20 – Depart for overnight flight to Rome.**

**Tuesday, October 21 – Arrival in Rome, Italy.**

Group transfer to your hotel. Balance of day is at leisure. Tonight, join your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (D)

**Wednesday, October 22 – Vatican City**

Attend the weekly general audience of the Pope (subject to availability). This afternoon will be devoted to visiting the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and the Basilica of St. Peter and its Square.

Your guide will point out the most important pieces of artwork and sculpture in the Museum. Then enter the unrivaled Sistine Chapel to see the frescoed ceiling by Michelangelo and his Last Judgment scene painted on the altar wall.

Continue into the Basilica to see the inspiring Pieta, the many side chapels, and the Baldacchino by Bernini. Walk through the Papal Crypt to see the tombs of the Popes. Descend the Basilica's front steps to St. Peter's Square and walk through the colonnaded piazza.

Time will be provided for lunch and shopping in the vicinity of St. Peter's square. Meet back at the hotel for Evening Reflections by a pilgrimage leader. (B)

**Thursday, October 23 – Basilicas of Rome**

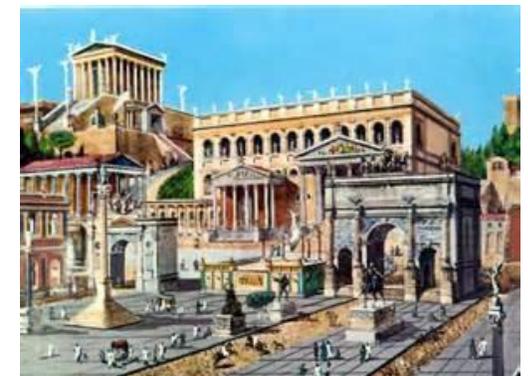
This morning enjoy a guided visit to St. John Lateran Basilica and the Holy Stairs that were brought from Jerusalem to Rome around 326 AD by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great.

Then, visit the impressive St. Mary Major Basilica, tour the Church of St. Clement built atop ancient Roman ruins, and burial site of St. Cyril. Make a stop at St. Paul Outside the Walls, the reported burial site of St. Paul. (B)

**Friday, October 24 – Sites of the Roman Empire**

We will be traveling to the heart of ancient Rome and the Christian faith to visit the 2,000 year-old Roman Forum. Then we will see the magnificent Arch of Constantine erected in 315 AD to celebrate his victory over co-emperor Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge, after which time he legalized Christianity throughout the Roman world. We will walk across the road to the Colosseum where gladiators fought to the death and Christians were fed to the lions. We will also visit the immense Pantheon.

Remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Meet back at the hotel for wine and cheese and Evening Reflections by a pilgrimage leader. (B, D)



## **Saturday, October 25 – Rome**

A full day to enjoy Rome at Leisure, but optional excursions will be available. (B)

## **Sunday, October 26 – Divine Liturgy; Rome to Istanbul**

Enjoy Liturgy this morning at the Russian College. This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Istanbul. You will be met by your Turkish tour guide who will give you a brief orientation to the charms of the city and then take you to your hotel. You can catch the first glimpse of this fascinating city where the continents meet each other. (B)

## **Monday, October 27 – Religious Sites of Istanbul**

This morning, enjoy a half day tour visiting Hagia Sophia-the pride and glory of Byzantine architecture.

This afternoon will be devoted to the great churches of Istanbul. First stop is to the Church of Christ the Savior in Chora. It was repaired in the Period of Commensales and Palaiologuses, and is considered to be the most important Byzantine Monument in Istanbul after Hagia Sofia. While unremarkable in its architecture, the interior walls of the church are decorated with impressive fourteenth century mosaics, which portray scenes from the lives of Christ and the Virgin Mary. You will also enjoy a visit to the church of St. Anthony of Padua,

Return to the hotel for Evening Reflections by a pilgrimage leader. (B, D)

## **Tuesday, October 28 – Byzantine Empire Heritage**

Today's highlight is a tour of the Grand Bazaar with its tiny shops. First though begin with a tour of "Misir Carsisi", the Spice Market (Egyptian Bazaar). Afterwards we will visit the Blue Mosque and also learn about the importance of the Hippodrome and the Cisterns during the Byzantine Empire.

This afternoon, take an unforgettable cruise on the Bosphorus with views of old Turkish wooden houses and beautiful scenery. The Bosphorus is a long strait which joins the Sea of Marmara with the Black Sea in Istanbul and actually separates the continents of Europe and Asia. On the cruise you will also see the elegant Dolmabahce Palace and cruise under the Bosphorus Bridge. There are refreshments on board if you wish for something to eat or drink while sitting back on this relaxing boat cruise. (B)

## **Wednesday, October 29 – Orthodox Churches & Ecumenical Patriarchate**

Begin your excursion today with a sightseeing drive through the business center of the modern city, across the Galata Bridge. We will then continue on to the Church of Blachernae, the Bulgarian Iron Church, and the Church of Christ Pantocrator. Along the banks of the Golden Horn you reach the Orthodox Patriarchate where you will visit the Cathedral of St. George, and tour the Patriarchate's office. If possible, and his schedule allows, we might have a private audience with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at the Hamdu Restaurant which has splendid views of Galata Tower and Golden Horn as we celebrate our faithful journey. Tonight we will have our final Evening Reflections by a pilgrimage leader. (B, D)

## **Thursday, October 30 – Istanbul – Depart for Home**

Your vacation ends after breakfast this morning. A group transfer will be provided to the airport for your homebound flights. (B)



## Your Pilgrimage Leaders

### Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Oxford, UK



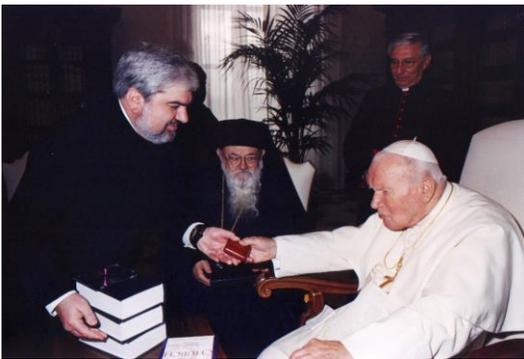
Metropolitan Kallistos was Professor of Eastern Christianity at Oxford University for nearly 40 years, and has written several books including *The Orthodox Church*, *The Orthodox Way*, and *The Inner Kingdom*. He is a Co-Chair of the Anglican-Orthodox International Dialogue and a key member of the Catholic-Orthodox International Dialogue. He was a founding speaker of the Orientale Lumen Conferences in 1997, and continues to participate frequently.

### Father Thomas Loya, "Light of the East" Radio, Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church, Homer Glen, IL



Fr. Thomas J. Loya is pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, IL. He met and served at Mass with Pope John Paul II several times while doing graduate studies in Rome in the 1990s. Fr. Loya was personally present in St. Peter's Square during the assault on the Holy Father's life. For several years, Fr. Loya has been the host of "Light of the East Radio" a title based upon Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter, "Orientale Lumen" (Light of the East).

### Jack Figel, Orientale Lumen Foundation, Conferences and TV, Eastern Christian Publications, Fairfax, VA



Jack Figel is the founder and publisher of Eastern Christian Publications which includes *Eastern Churches Journal*, *Theosis*, and over 300 book titles. He is also the founder and annual chairman of the Orientale Lumen Conferences which are "grass roots" ecumenical meetings of Catholics and Orthodox in Washington for the last 20 years. The conferences have also expanded into Orientale Lumen TeleVision which produce lectures, liturgies, and special events of Eastern Churches around the world.

Mr. Figel has participated in three private audiences with Pope John Paul II in the Apostolic Palace, and met Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew more than a dozen times over the past 20 years, including a few one-on-one private meetings.



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BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS / TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT: \$950.00 per person along with completed and signed reservation form, insurance payment and copy of passport is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Bookings made after final payment are subject to availability and costs at time of booking.

FINAL PAYMENT: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Viking Travel Service

MAIL PAYMENTS TO: Viking Travel Service  
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Westmont, Illinois 60559  
Group: Light of the East

Via Email: westmont@vikingtv.com

FORM OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED: Check or credit card. Payments made by credit card carry a 3% fee.

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare, gratuities for driver or guides, increases in taxes or fuel surcharges, visa fee, baggage fees, alcoholic beverages or items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, meals not included, etc., or anything not specifically indicated as included.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from return date. All names on reservation forms and tickets must match names as they appear on your passport. VISA required for Turkey. All visitors to Turkey will be required to purchase their entry visa via the Turkish Government website [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr) prior to travel. Currently the cost for Turkey visa is \$20.00 per person.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: We will be happy to assist you with your air arrangements. Do not secure personal air flights until Viking Travel has confirmed this tour. (Reminder, the flight from Rome to Istanbul is included in the price)

ACTIVITY LEVEL: This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven ground and cobblestone streets.

PRICING: Customized tour pricing and operation is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. All prices are subject to any fuel surcharges, tax increases, and any other surcharges imposed by the airline, hotels, motor coaches and/or government.

Cancellation/travel Insurance: This insurance will protect you in the event you must cancel for a covered medical reason, interruption, accident, baggage or covered unforeseen circumstance. As with all insurance policies, cost of insurance is non-refundable and subject to change at any time. Insurance is calculated by the per person total expenses, age and state in which the traveler resides. For insurance information contact Viking Travel Service 1-800-233-3963 or 630-321-1664

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Trip Cost Per Person	Age						
	0-34	35-59	60-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$111	\$169	\$228	\$298	\$364	\$500	\$665
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$125	\$189	\$255	\$332	\$406	\$554	\$739
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$129	\$195	\$263	\$342	\$418	\$569	\$758
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$171	\$262	\$355	\$459	\$565	\$760	\$1,025
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$193	\$297	\$402	\$518	\$639	\$856	\$1,158
\$5,501 - \$6,000	\$215	\$332	\$450	\$579	\$714	\$954	\$1,292
\$6,001 - \$6,500	\$258	\$401	\$543	\$697	\$862	\$1,145	\$1,559

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel for a reason not covered by insurance, the following per person penalties apply. Without exception, all cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service and are effective the date of receipt: Any unused portions of the tour are non-refundable.

Date of deposit to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 = Deposit amount of \$950 is non-refundable.

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 to departure = 100% penalty.

\_\_\_ Double Occupancy \$3199.00 per person

\_\_\_ Single Occupancy \$3699.00

\_\_\_ Please assist me with booking my (our) air arrangements. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Air City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use legal names as they appear on your passport.

Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_
First Middle Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Roommate if not traveling with spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ PLEASE USE SEPARATE RESERVATION FORMS WHEN NOT TRAVELING WITH SPOUSE

Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_
First Middle Last

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or physical restrictions we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information

Enclosed is deposit for \_\_\_ people (person) @ \$950.00 per person: Deposit amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance: Traveler # 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am aware of the penalties and have chosen not to take out Insurance protection. Traveler # 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transaction Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 7.00

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHARGE CARD PAYMENTS: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Discover (Additional 3% fee for all credit card payments)

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

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